

Forestry Technician (Timber Marker) GS-462-5/6

The Potosi Ranger District of the Mark Twain National Forest (USDA – Forest Service) is planning to fill one (1) permanent Forestry Technician (Timber Marker), GS-0462-5/6 position. This position will be located in **Potosi, MO** at the Potosi District Office. The annual salary ranges \$34,149.00 to \$44,391.00.

GS-0462-5/6 Position

This position is located on the Potosi/Fredricktown Ranger District, which is part of Zone 1 of the Mark Twain National Forest. Zone 1 is comprised of the Salem, Potosi, and Fredericktown Ranger Districts which encompass approximately 460,000 acres. The duties of this position will be to perform timber sale preparation duties including timber marking, timber cruising, and sale layout as part of the timber organization. The Zone's timber sale program is approximately 12 - 18 MMBF (20,000 – 30,000 CCF) per year.

The position is responsible for the interpretation of complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guidelines to designate harvest timber using various cruise methods and techniques. Lay out of timber sale boundaries with GPS in accordance with environmental assessments and other instruction, considering factors such as transportation system, topography, fuels management, silvicultural objectives, wildlife needs, stream protection and other resource considerations. Performs other multifunctional work as assigned including, but not limited to, timber sale administration, recreation, and fire management. The ability to work well with others, good communication skills and a positive attitude and strong work ethic are highly desirable along with knowledge of forest measurement tools and techniques including the use of clinometer, orienteering with map and compass, use of GPS, and use of prism. Full performance of this position includes completion of certification as a Region 9 Cruiser. Applicants who possess or are working on this certification should highlight that in their resume and as part of their outreach response.

Physical Requirements

A physical capacity for working outdoors, in isolated areas is required. The work requires regular and recurring physical exertion related to conservation work requiring walking on rough uneven terrain, climbing steep banks, and jumping ditches and furrows. The duration of the activity contributes to the arduous nature of the job.

The work is performed in a forest environment where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with thick and tangled vegetation. Temperatures may range from very hot and dry to cool and extremely wet. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered. Work requires the use of safety

equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles, and hardhats.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

Mark Twain National Forest encompasses about 1.5 million acres and is made up of six Ranger Districts located primarily in the southern third of the state. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Rolla, MO. The Forest land is mostly within the Ozark Highlands ecological section. The Ozark Highlands are an ancient landscape characterized by large springs, more than 5,000 caves, nationally-recognized streams, rocky barren glades and old volcanic mountains. The Forest spreads from south of Springfield, MO to the boot heel in the southeast, with a small unit near Columbia, Missouri.

Thousands of visitors enjoy the Forest's outdoor recreation opportunities. Developed recreation sites, seven Wilderness Areas, the Eleven Point National Scenic River and hundreds of miles of floatable streams and rivers are just some of the features drawing outdoor recreation enthusiasts.

Mark Twain National Forest is an example of successful resource conservation. For several decades, the forest has carefully managed timber and grasslands, protected and enhanced water quality and provided a wide variety of recreation opportunities. The focus of our work has been conservation of natural resources for future generations.

DISTRICT INFORMATION:

The **Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District** is comprised of approximately 280,000 acres spread across eight counties. Special features include the 440-acre Council Bluff Lake, several campgrounds/picnic areas, the Berryman Hiking Trail, Ozark Trail, karst topography/caves, spring fed streams with cool water fisheries and many native species of wildlife typical to the Ozarks. The District has a full range of vegetation and recreation management activities that include timber harvest and regeneration activities, TSI, prescribed fire, developed and dispersed recreation and mining.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:

The duty station for this position will be located in Potosi, Missouri

THE COMMUNITY: POTOSI, MISSOURI has a population is 2660; it's located 70 miles southwest of St. Louis, Missouri. Median prices for houses are in the \$65,000 to \$100,000 range with rentals going for \$400.00 to \$500.00. Apartments average \$275.00 to \$400.00.

SCHOOLS: Two Junior colleges within commuting distance; Kindergarten thru high school with an AAA rating, good courses and extracurricular activities. Potosi also has a public library.

MEDICAL: 1 hospital - 5 MD'S, 3 Dentists and 2 chiropractors.

CHURCH: Catholic, Methodist, Christian, Baptist, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Lutheran, Church of Latter Day Saints and many more.

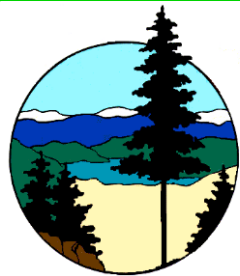

Vacancy Announcement :

A vacancy announcement will be posted on USA Jobs. At this time we do not have a vacancy announcement number. If you are interested in this position please respond as outlined below and we will notify you when the position is posted in USA Jobs.

Outreach Response:

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Brian Merkel, Zone 1 TMA(bmerkel@fs.fed.us) at (573) 438-5427.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete the Outreach form below and return to the person designated on the form.

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If you are interested in this position, please complete this form and send:

E-mail to: Brian Merkel (bmerkel@fs.fed.us), or

Mail to: USDA- Forest Service, Potosi Ranger District, ATTN: Brian Merkel, 10019 West State Highway 8, Potosi, MO 63664.

FAX to: 573-438-2633, ATTN: Brian Merkel.

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Location: *Eastern Region, Region 9, Mark Twain National Forest, Potosi R.D.*

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone: _____ Work: _____ Home: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes ___ No ___

Permanent? ___ Temporary? ___ TERM? ___ VRA? ___ PWD? ___ OTHER? ___

Current Title/Series/Grade: _____

Agency Employed with and location: _____

Thank you for your interest!